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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6480**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 153

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 15, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Joint Legal Custody in Paternity Actions.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Taylor

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill amends the factors that a court must consider in awarding joint legal custody after paternity has been established to include: (1) whether the child has had an opportunity to establish; (2) whether a parent wishes to establish; and (3) whether a parent has attempted to prevent the other parent from establishing; a close and beneficial relationship with the child.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill adds factors a judge must consider when making an award of joint legal custody.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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